



IFW

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

## TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

Application Number 10/743,857

Filing Date 12-22-2003

First Named Inventor Randolph von Oepen

Art Unit 3738

Examiner Name Unassigned

Attorney Docket Number JM-009 CON

### ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition   | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After Final                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer                              | Return Receipt Postcard   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement      | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund                               | Foreign Reference (1)   |
| -Supplemental IDS   | <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD                            |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application    | Remarks   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 |   |   |

### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name	Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP		
Signature			
Printed name	Nicola A. Pisano		
Date	March 8, 2005	Reg. No.	34,408

### CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

Signature			
Typed or printed name	Leigh A. Coleman	Date	3-8-2005

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



Atty. Docket No.: JM-009 CON

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 3738
Randolf Von Oepen et al.	)	
	)	
Serial No.:	)	
10/743,857	)	
Filed:	)	
December 22, 2003	)	
For:	)	
METHODS AND APPARATUS	)	
FOR A STENT HAVING AN	)	
EXPANDABLE WEB	)	
STRUCTURE	)	

San Diego, California

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 1.97 (b)**

Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants make the document, listed on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08, of record in the above-identified application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, this statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not a representation that the information cited is effective as prior art to the application or is material to patentability. Copies of the United States patents are enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that this document be (1) fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the examination of the above-identified application; and (2)

printed on any patent which may issue on this application. It is also respectfully requested that a copy of Form PTO/SB/08, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 (b), no fees are believed due at this time. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2298, in the name of Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP for any underpayments or credits.

Respectfully submitted,

March 8, 2005  
Date

Nicola A. Pisano  
Nicola A. Pisano  
Attorney for Applicant(s)  
Reg. No. 34,408  
c/o LUCE, FORWARD, HAMILTON  
& SCRIPPS LLP  
11988 El Camino Real, Ste. 200  
San Diego, California 92130  
Telephone No.: (858) 720-6300

